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Public Health

Government aid to non-official bodies engaged in health propaganda work.

* 274 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the attitude of the Government is towards non-official organizations engaged in doing health propaganda;

(*b*) whether the Government or the Director of Public Health has at any time tried to prepare a list of non-official organizations engaged in health propaganda;

(*c*) what assistance, if any, either the Government or the Director of Public Health is rendering to such bodies to encourage them in their work;

(*d*) whether the Health Propaganda Board and the National Health Association of Southern India applied to the Government for a grant; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, what the amount of grant sanctioned is?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Government make grants-in-aid in deserving cases where the need for such help is established.

(*b*) Yes; a list of non-official organizations in the City of Madras engaged in health propaganda was prepared in 1930.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No grant was made to the Health Propaganda Board. The following non-recurring grants were made to the National Health Association of Southern India:—

Year.	Amount of grant.
	RS.
1930–31	5,000
1931–32	Nil.
1932–33	500 plus one set of the Temperance Propaganda Board's cinema apparatus costing about Rs. 2,000.
1933–34	3,000
1934–35 and 1935–36	Nil.

Agriculture

Scheme, if any, for village investigation by the Agricultural department.

* 275 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any village investigation scheme has been sanctioned under the Department of Agriculture and, if so, when;

(b) what the objects are of the scheme, and who the persons appointed as investigators are;

(c) whether a copy of the order passed in this behalf will be placed on the table;

(d) in which of the places the investigation is going on;

(e) what the annual expenditure of this scheme is and how it is financed;

(f) whether the persons employed in this scheme are taken from Government service, or whether new people were recruited; and

(g) whether the new people, if any, employed in this scheme will be given preference for Government service when vacancies occur?

A.—(a) A scheme of economic enquiry into the cost of production of crops in the principal sugarcane and cotton tracts in the Presidency spread over a period of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, mainly financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, is being conducted under the auspices of the Agricultural department. The scheme commenced from 1st April 1933.

(b) The object of the scheme is the determination of the cost of production of crops, mainly sugarcane and cotton and incidentally of other crops grown in the same area in selected tracts, so that on the basis of an accurate and comparative estimate of the cost of production of the crops, the advantage of stimulating or extending the cultivation of remunerative commercial crops may be brought home to the ryots.

A list showing the names and qualifications of the staff employed on the scheme is appended [a] [vide Appendix I (1)].

(c) A copy of G.O. Ms. No. 728, Development, dated 14th June 1933, is appended [a] [vide Appendix I (2)].

(d) A statement showing the districts, taluks and villages in which the investigation is carried on is appended [a] [vide Appendix I (3)].

(e) The expenditure on the scheme is met from a grant of Rs. 52,290 spread over a period of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years made by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the estimates given on page 358 of the Civil Budget Estimates for the year 1935–36 under "S. Sugarcane Research." (The difference between the actual expenditure and the amount shown under "T. Charges recoverable from the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research during 1934–35 and 1935–36 is due to the fact that the Local Government

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 218–220 infra.

have agreed to bear the excess expenditure consequent on the deputation of experienced Upper Subordinates on higher pay as District Supervisors to the scheme.)

(*f*) The District Supervisors working on the scheme are persons deputed from the Agricultural Department. The Village Investigators are direct recruits.

(*g*) The hon. Member apparently refers to service as Upper Subordinates in the Agricultural department. Recruitment to this class of the service is made by the Madras Services Commission and it is open to the Commission to give preference to persons with experience as Village Investigators when the prescribed qualifications are satisfied.

Industries

Rearing of silk-worms in the South Kanara district.

* 276 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the results are of the proposed experiments referred to in the answer to question No. 891 (*b*) of 24th February 1932?

A.—A parcel of mulberry cuttings was sent by the Director of Industries to South Kanara to be planted by a private party, but no reports on the results of the planting were received. Presumably the plant died owing to the excessive rainfall. As the sericultural staff was fully engaged on other work, the experiment could not be followed.

Registration

Representation by the residents of Elampillai village, Salem district, for opening a Sub-Registrar's office.

* 277 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made to the Inspector-General of Registration by the residents of Elampillai village, Salem district, for opening a Sub-Registrar's office in the village; and

(*b*) if so, what has been done in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of opening an office at that centre was dropped on account of the financial stringency.

Facilities for Official Receivers in the mufassal to register documents by a letter of request to the Registering Officer.

* 278 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when the orders referred to in question No. 146 were issued and whether the Government will place a copy